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PATENT #9

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Title: ARTIFICIAL JOINT, IN PARTICULAR ENDORPROSTHESIS
FOR REPLACING NATURAL JOINTS

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Reply is accompanied by a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for a one-month extension of time and by a check in the amount of \$55.00 in payment of the required extension fee for a small entity applicant.

Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 20, 2000 in the above-captioned patent application, kindly amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

✓ Page 2, line 3, after "second" (first occurrence) delete "second [sic]".

✓ Page 3, line 5, after "contact" delete "point" and insert in lieu thereof -- position --.

Page 4, line 1, please delete the entire line and insert in lieu thereof the following text:

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 is a schematic diagram of a joint comprised of two cylinders arranged in a flat, straight dimeric chain;